



Myrstol is new Justice Center Director

Dear Readers,

The UAA Justice Center, which publishes the *Alaska Justice Forum*, welcomes a new director, Dr. Brad Myrstol. Dr. Myrstol, who served as interim director, brings more than 14 years of experience with Alaska justice is-

ssues, working as a research professional at the Justice Center from 2002 to 2006 and faculty member since 2009. In this issue we provide a small glimpse of Dr. Myrstol's involvement in Alaska justice issues, including the article he authored on the impact of Alaska's Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program on the prosecution of sexual assault and sexual assault of a minor cases in Western Alaska on p. 1. He is also involved with Alaska's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative on p. 5.

Dr. Myrstol, who also directs the Alaska Justice Information Center, is principal investigator on Alaska's Results First Initiative, a partnership with the Pew-MacArthur Trust that provides analysis of the evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism. Reducing recidivism is the focus of much work in Alaska. Dr. Myrstol is among stakeholders being brought together by the Alaska Department of Corrections (DOC) to develop a statewide plan for reducing recidivism. In May, DOC is coordinating a workshop on the Sequential Intercept Model by Policy Research Associates, to see how the model may aid in reducing recidivism. A book review and description of the Sequential Intercept Model appears on p. 7.

Also in this edition you'll find results from the Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) for the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands. Andre Rosay, former Justice Center director and now associate dean in the College of Health, is AVS principal investigator working in collaboration with the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Our online edition includes full references for all articles as well as a report on the impact of understaffing for Alaska State Trooper B Detachment.

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